

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Kathy De Cremer, Heidi Michel Renee Keehan

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the January 14, 2015 Minutes of the Sex Offender Residency Board meeting

Motion made by Ben Heiman to approved the January 14, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

(a) Appeal of Othello Mills requesting to move to 210 S. Maple Avenue, Apt. A

Othello appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Othello of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Othello failed to appear.

A motion to deny the appeal of Othello Mills was made by B. Heiman, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Othello now appeared. He explained that he had to walk to the meeting and it took longer than expected.

A motion to reopen the appeal of Othello Mills was made by B. Heiman, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Othello appeared before the board in January and was approved to live here for 30 days. He is here today to provide documentation of his time at school (grades and schedule), proof of a temp job and that he is currently enrolled in an AODA program.

Othello is providing AODA and schooling documentation today. He does not have employment information because he has not gone out on any jobs. He did get calls for temp jobs, but was later told not to show up. This happened last week, also.

H. Michel asked Othello how he will pay rent if he doesn't have a job. Othello stated his girlfriend helps out. His rent is \$450 and includes water. Others help him, also, plus he gets financial aid through school. He has paid his NWTC tuition three months in advance.

The letter regarding AODA states Othello will start the program on 2/23/15. R. Keehan stated she would like to see treatment documentation.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Othello Mills, address specific, for an additional 60 days, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by R. Keehan. Four in favor, one opposed (Heiman). Motion carried.

At the April meeting, Othello is to provide treatment and employment documentation.

- (b) Appeal of Donald L. Peterson requesting to move to 1720 Western Avenue, Apt. 13

Donald appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Donald of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

In October, Donald was approved to live here for a period of 120 days. He is here to provide an updated treatment progress report. Donald submitted a letter dated 1/15/15 from ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc. and an 11/4/15 letter from Bellin Health.

R. Keehan asked Donald what he is getting out of these programs. Donald stated he is learning about bad versus good thoughts and how to control them. D. Gerondale asked what he is doing to keep his thoughts positive. Donald stated he keeps a journal. H. Michel asked Donald if he's identified and discussed his triggers. Donald stated loneliness and losing his job contributed to them in the past, but he no longer has these issues. He and his wife are back together and he knows the consequences. Donald is retired and he sleeps in his recliner a lot. If he goes does go out, he is always with his wife.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Donald Peterson, address specific, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by H. Michel. Four in favor, one opposed (Keehan). Motion carried.

- (c) Appeal of Justin Phillips requesting to move to 415 Vroman Street

Justin appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Justin of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

In December, Justin was approved to live here for a period of 60 days. Today he is to provide treatment documentation and job search information.

Justin stated he's still looking for a job. He's had a couple interviews. He provided the board with a letter from ATTIC Correctional Services dated 2/11/15 indicating he's attended six sessions so far. The sessions are once a week for 60 days.

Justin is on SSI and he provided the board with proof of this. He volunteers at Manna for Life and goes to the DVR and meets with a coach to help him look for a job. He has not gone to a temp service because he feels factory work will be too fast paced for him. Justin stated he did apply at SEEK, but they said they couldn't help him.

Justin is living with his father.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Justin Phillips, address specific, was made by R. Keehan, seconded by K. De Cremer. Three in favor, two opposed (Gerondale, Heiman). Motion carried.

(d) Appeal of Brian Steffel requesting to move to 420 S. Maple Avenue

Brian appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Brian of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Brian provided the board with a letter from Family Services. Brian currently lives at 706 Mather Street. He doesn't get along with the landlord and was asked to vacate within five days. Brian believes he wants a friend to live there instead.

Brian will be off paper in nine months and plans on moving to California to be with his fiancé.

Brian is working two jobs – one is full time at 7-Up and the other is temp work with Seek. Brian would be living at this location by himself.

D. Gerondale has a concern with the letter from the landlord because it doesn't list the address. D. Gerondale placed a call to the landlord but got the answering machine. Brian stated the landlord and his father are friends.

R. Keehan asked Brian if his parole officer has approved this address. Brian stated he has a new parole officer and is not sure if he has seen it. His previous parole officer is aware of it. R. Keehan indicated it is only one house away from a park.

D. Gerondale placed a call to Troy, Brian's parole officer. Troy stated he is out on the road right now, but said Dean could call Melody, Brian's prior agent. Dean placed a call to Melody Gottowski. Melody stated she did not check out this address because she is no longer his agent.

D. Gerondale asked the board what their opinions would be if these two requirements were met (landlord letter and parole officer approval). R. Keehan stated she is leery because this is just one house away from a park, but she would feel better about it with agent approval and the landlord letter.

Brian stated this is a 4-plex and he believes it's older people living in the other apartments.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Brian Steffel, address specific, was made by D. Gerondale, contingent upon written approval by his current parole officer and approval from the landlord on letterhead. Motion seconded by R. Keehan. Four in favor, one opposed (K. De Cremer). Motion carried.

Brian was instructed to bring these documents to the law department.

(e) Appeal of Joshua Lark requesting to move to 816 Irvington Street

Joshua failed to appear.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Joshua Lark was made by R. Keehan, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

(f) Appeal of Ronald P. Munyon requesting to move to 219 S. Ashland Avenue

Ronald appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Ronald of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Ronald provided the board with a letter from the ATTIC showing dates of the programs he completed. He was released from supervision on September 10, 2012.

Ronald stated he got divorced in 1999 and began drinking heavily. He was watching a friend's child and she put some moves on him. At first he told her he couldn't be with her, but ended up sleeping with her and raped her. Although it was consensual, he realizes she could not consent.

Ronald stated he's been through programs at the ATTIC, SORP, SOT, Jim Drake, and Denial Focus Group. He's learned he cannot blame the victim. She was 14 at the time. Ronald was 28.

Ronald is now married and is employed. They were kicked out of the Village of Allouez because of their new ordinance. They had lived in Allouez for two years and recently were told two sex offenders couldn't live in the same building. Ronald had nine months to find a new residence.

While in treatment, Ronald learned he needs to move on. He is aware of his triggers and knows what his boundaries are.

Ronald stated this would only be a temporary address. He's been sleeping in his car for over three months. He was willing to do this so his family had a place to live. Eventually, his whole family got evicted. He's tried to comply with every regulation. His family is suffering the most.

D. Gerondale placed a call to the property owner (Ronald's sister and her family) but didn't get an answer.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Ronald Munyon, address specific, for a period of 90 days, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

(g) Appeal of Matthew C. Hickey requesting to move to 1130 Meacham Street

Matthew appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Matthew of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Matthew is currently living with his girlfriend's mother at this address.

Note: Audio recorder stopped due to a low battery. It now skips down to item (i), Barry O'Connor.

Taken from notes: Matthew was charged with child enticement in 2014. He was sentenced to six months in jail and served 1-1/2 months. There was no victim as it was a sting operation. Matthew provided several letters of support.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Matthew Hickey, address specific, was made by ?, seconded by ?. Three in favor, two against (Gerondale, Keehan). Motion carried.

(h) Appeal of James Moore requesting to move to 421 Cherry Street

No audio available. Notes taken from appeal form.

James was convicted of 2nd degree sexual assault in 1991. He served 6 years. The victim was age 16. James was 31.

This address is owned by the Divine Temple Church of God in Christ.

James is employed. James provided an AODA Assessment letter dated 2/19/07 from Tomahawk Counseling, an assessment letter from United Amerindian Center, Inc. dated 12/08/06, and a discharge summary letter from ATTIC Correctional Services, Inc. dated

06/17/05. He also provided certificates of completion from several programs while in prison.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of James Moore, address specific, for a period of 120 days, was made by ?, seconded by ?. All in favor. Motion carried.

- (i) Appeal of Barry V. O'Connor requesting to move to 1177 Shawano Avenue

Note: Audio recorder stopped due to low battery. Notes below are taken off his appeal form.

R. Keehan indicated this location is one block from Lincoln Elementary School.

Barry appeared before the board in 2008. He thought he had a waiver to live anywhere in the city; however, this is not the case. He is here today because he was told he was in violation of the ordinance.

Barry is currently homeless. The offenses occurred in 1994 while he was in the air force in Panama and Florida. The victim was age 13. Barry was age 24. Barry was sentenced to 12 years in prison and served 7 years.

Barry completed a sex offender treatment program and anger management classes, but documentation was not available

The owner of this home resides across the street with her boyfriend, who is Barry's father. The homeowner is currently on vacation in California and would like Barry to take care of her cats while she is gone.

Barry is employed full time at Festival Foods.

Barry has had no other instances with the law since this 1994 offense.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Barry O'Connor, address specific, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Note: At this point on the audio tape, the appeal of Othello Mills takes place. Please refer to item (a) above.

Miscellaneous

H. Michel had questions about 948 convictions. D. Gerondale will follow up with the law department for clarification of our ordinance regarding if a sexual offender no longer has to report to the state of Wisconsin if he would be exempt.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of March 11, 2015 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Heiman, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.